

**Justification for locating the Project in forest land and details of alternates examined**

***Road connectivity taking off from NH 16 at Basta to proposed Subarnarekha Port site***

1. Total Stretch of Road is divided into 3 sections:
  - a. Section A: Basta to Jafrabad
  - b. Section B: Jafrabad to Dagara
  - c. Section C: Dagara to Port Site at Chaumukh
2. Section A involves strengthening of existing major district road and hence involve negligible land acquisition. There is no forest land in this section.
3. Section B involves widening, straightening and strengthening of existing village road and it also involves construction of by-pass road taking off at Jafrabad to avoid going through congested market place at Baliapal for safety reasons. Hence, land is to be acquired on both sides of the existing road in accordance with the Detailed Project Report (DPR) approved by Works Department of Government of Odisha. Such alignment has been worked out keeping in view minimum requirement of land, minimum displacement, safety aspects. Alternatively, construction of a new road would have involved higher land requirement and more displacement.
4. Section C involves development of a new road from Dagara to the port site behind the beach area. While planning the same, following 2 alternatives were evaluated:
  - Option I: Dagara to Port Site behind the Beach area
  - Option II: Dagara to Port site via Kankadapal
5. Option II involves widening of existing village road which passes through densely populated area requiring displacement of many households and structures. Besides, it would have posed safety risk to the local populace along the road due to movement of heavy vehicles. The said alignment could have also posed higher risk to the port project due to potential local resistance.
6. Option I does not involve any displacement and also works out to be a safer option involving minimal social impact.
7. Hence, Option I was selected for development of last mile road connectivity to the port.

For SUBARNAREKHA PORT PRIVATE LTD.



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